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President's Column



Dear Fellows,

I sent out the link for Rebuilding Together and had asked Dave to coordinate our volunteers, but it turns out he has other plans that day (April 25). Please coordinate with Liz Carey at FCChurch instead.

On a personal note, I spent five days and four nights at Stanford Hospital and ended up having a defibrillator implanted. It also functions as a pacemaker and is in the same location where your friends with pacemakers have theirs. I am now well protected if I experience any more tachycardia!

I turn 80 this Friday and will then leave for a four-week solo trip to Europe, visiting three countries—starting with Portugal (TSA permitting).

I will not be here for the April meeting, as I will be in Europe. Hopefully, Jeff will have taken over the presidency by then. See you all in the next meeting!

Jay

Meeting Location

Saratoga Federated Church Postal Annex Building
14376 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, CA
Click [here](#) for map and directions.
4th Tuesday of every month except December.

February Meeting in Review

Greg Spencer showed a sea chest he made in a presentation:

The chest was built because I saw a similar one in the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. I tried to include many of the features of traditional sea chests, including

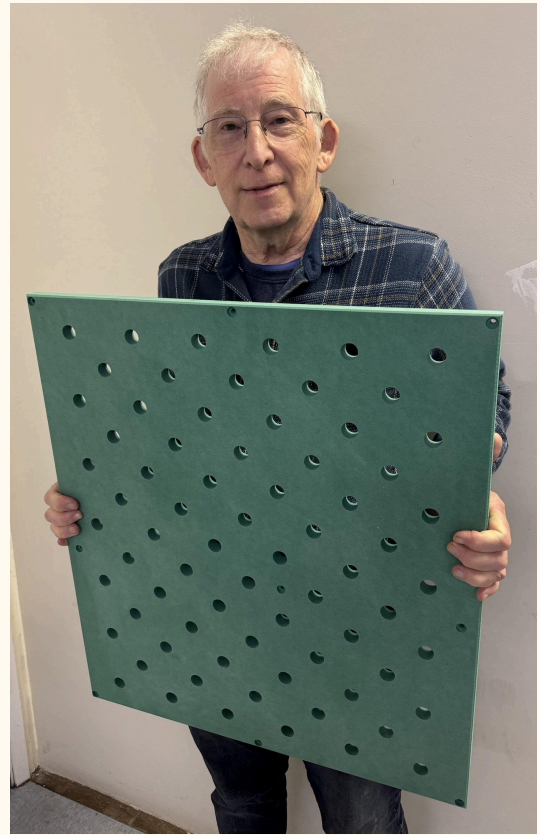


the rope becket (handles) and a till (the small box inside for storing little things). It's made of red oak, and has forged strap hinges and a brass lock mechanism. There are cleats on the bottom to lift it off of the ground (protect against water), and the corner joints feature dovetails that get progressively wider as they go down the box (just as decoration). I wrote a python program to figure out the dovetail layout and used a Shaper Origin to cut them.



February 2026 Show'n Tell

Alan Kutach presented pictures of his recent closet update including floor-to-ceiling adjustable shelves and rugged over-engineered battens to hold the top shelf and hanger rod. The main structures were constructed from maple boards donated by Jay Perine and maple veneered plywood donated by Tom Waugh. Mateo McCullough generously volunteered his time and his drum sander to help smooth the surface of numerous 8-foot long resawed maple boards. The maple was finished in gloss water-based polyurethane followed by 1500-grit non-woven pads for a satin sheen. The engineered shelving materials were covered in vinyl shelf liner with a maple design.



Tracie Johnson put down vinyl plank flooring for one of their bedrooms.



Jay & I (**Steve Kelem**) are building workshop carts for our Shaper BenchPilots. The design is inspired by one available on the ShaperHub site. The top surface of mine features green high-density fiberboard, but with the 96mm dog-hole pitch modified to have more clamping opportunities. I cut four of these (3 for the workshop cart and one spare), and a Festool MFT replacement surface.

Bill Turner showed his fancy guitar stand!



Curtis Ullerich talked about a quick circle bending jig he made. He cut a plywood circle of the desired radius and secured it and a fence to the same backer board. After tacking the to-be-bent pipe to the circle's edge, drawing it past the fence bends it into a circle.



Calendar/Programs

Any additions or changes please contact **Steve Kelem** until **Tracie Johnson** returns.

2026: 4th Tuesday, except December	
January 27th	New Year's Pizza Party & Slide Show
February 24th	Greg's Sea Chest
March 24rd	Meishan's Rolling Kitchen Island
April 28th	Steve - 3D in Woodworking
May 26th	Bob's New Kind of Drum
June 27th Saturday	Meet on Santa Cruz Board Walk at 10am to tour "Woodies on the Wharf"
July 28th	Dave's Standalone Bathroom Vanity Chest
August 25th	
September 22nd	
October 27th	
November 24th?	

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